

### IN THE CLAIMS

Applicant submits amendments to the Claims as per the notice of 25 February 2003 in the Off. Gaz. Pat. Office, *Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted*.

Claims 1-7 (cancelled)

8. (currently amended) A golf club for striking a ball comprising:

a front-part component having a face;

a rear-part component being a cavity back structure with a sole part having a larger thickness than a top edge part; and

and an effective face area of the face, being the surface area of a portion of the face substantially deflectable when striking a ball, being at least 2500 mm<sup>2</sup> and not more than 5000 mm<sup>2</sup>;

wherein defined between the front-part component and the rear-part component is a fully enclosed hollow structure with a space such that the effective face area of the face is deformable into the hollow structure, free of contact with the rear-part component, when striking a ball, and

~~wherein a coefficient of restitution of the effective face area is in the range of at least 0.81 and not more than 0.95 when striking a ball against a sweet spot in the effective face area at a speed of 44 m/s~~

wherein an effective deflection length being the length of a portion of said face deflectable at the hit, passing through a sweet spot of said face in a direction perpendicular to the ground, and being at least 36 mm and not more than 72 mm.

9. (canceled)

10. (previously added) The golf club according to claim 8, wherein

the front-part component has a concave part provided on its center, a connection part provided on its peripheral edge, and a hosel.

11. (previously added) The golf club according to claim 8, wherein

the rear-part component has a concave part provided on its center and a connection part provided on its peripheral edge.

12. (canceled)

13. (canceled)

14. (previously added) The golf club according to claim 8, wherein

the thickness of the face is at least 1.0 mm and not more than 2.5 mm at a sweet spot of the face.

15. (previously added) The golf club according to claim 8, wherein  
the elasticity of the face is at least 30 GPa and not more than 210 GPa.